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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEB 11

1. SUMMARY:

-- U.S. COVERAGE IS HEAVIER, MORE FAVORABLE BUT STILL CRITICAL: FAVORABLE PLAY ON SALT PORTION OF PRESIDENT'S CSM INTERVIEW AND REPORTS ON SALT AND BROOKE-PONOMAREV MEETINGS FEB 10 ARE COUNTER-BALANCED BY STRONG CRITICISM OVER ANGOLA AND NASTY ITEMS ON STREET VIOLENCE AND SOUTH AFRICAN INVESTMENT;

-- IN NATO COVERAGE, LUNS IS HIT FOR TRYING TO SHORT-CIRCUIT CANADA'S IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES, AND U.S. FIRMS ARE PORTRAYED AS WELCHING ON FIGHTER DEAL AND BEATING OUT BETTER EUROPEAN ARTILLERY AND TANK SHELLS IN NATO COMPETITION.

-- TURKISH PRESS AND "INFORMED SOURCES" LINK POSTPONEMENT OF CAGLAYANGIL'S U.S. VISIT TO BASE NEGOTIATIONS, ARMS AID;

-- PRAVDA BONN CORRESPONDENT SEES SOVIET-FRG RELATIONS AS IMPROVED AND CONTINUING TO IMPROVE DESPITE REACTIONARIES;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS POLISH CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES, AND IZVESTIYA REPORTS ROMANIAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT ON ORENBURG NATURAL GAS DELIVERIES, WITHOUT COMMENTARY;

-- PRAVDA FRONTPAGES INDONESIA PRESS CRITICISM OF NEW PACIFIC DOCTRINE. END SUMMARY.

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2. U.S. AFTER SLOW DAY FEB 10, U.S. COVERAGE IS HEAVIER, MORE FAVORABLE, BUT STILL CRITICAL ON BALANCE. WHOLE FEB 11 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS ITEM ON PRESIDENT' CSM INTERVIEW WHICH IS UPBEAT ON SALT (SEPTEL), AND PRAVDA CARRIES SHORT TASS ITEM FROM GENEVA REPORTING FEB 10 SALT DEL MEETING AND LACONIC REPORT (NO CHARACTERIZATION) OF SENATOR BROOKE'S FEB 10 MEETING WITH CANDIDATE POLITBURO MEMBER AND

CC SECRETARY PONOMAREV. CONTRARIWISE, U.S. (AND SECRETARY PERSONALLY) SUBJECT TO STRONG CRITICISM IN AUTHORITATIVE "OBSERVER" PIECE ON ANGOLA IN FEB 11 PRAVDA (SEPTTEL), AND THERE ARE SMALL SHARP PIECES ON U.S. STREET VIOLENCE IN PRAVDA AND ON U.S. INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA IN FEB 11 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA.

3. U.S. /NATO. WRITING FROM OTTAWA IN PRAVDA FEB 11, CORRESPONDENT N. BRAGIN PORTRAYS LUNS VISIT AND REMARKS ON SOVIET THREAT IN AFRICA ON MORROW OF TRUDEAU VISIT TO MEXICO, CUBA AND VENEZUELA AS INSULTING ATTEMPT TO SHORT-CIRCUIT CANADIAN DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. LESS ROUTINE ARE A PAIR OF ARTICLES ON NATO ARMAMENTS: IZVESTIYA FEB 10 CARRIES REPORT FROM BRUSSELS CORRESPONDENT YU, RYZHOV THAT U.S. IS WELCHING ON PROMISES MADE TO BELGIANS TO SWING FIGHTER "DEAL OF THE CENTURY," WHILE CAPTAIN SECOND RANK A. KLEIMENOV GRUMBLES IN FEB 11 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA THAT U.S. FIRMS ARE BEATING OUT BETTER EUROPEAN PRODUCT IN COMPETITION FOR NATO ARTILLERY AND TANK SHELL MARKET.

4. U.S./TURKEY. PRAVDA (FEB 11) CARRIES TASS REPORT FROM ANKARA ON POSTPONEMENT OF CAGLAYANGIL'S U.S. VISIT. CITING "INFORMED CIRCLES" AND TURKISH PRESS AGENCY, ITEM SAYS VISIT POSTPONED FOR POLITICAL MOTIVES CONNECTED WITH BASE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAVE "NOT ACHIEVED RAPPROCHEMENT OF POSITIONS OF SIDES ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS," AND CONCLUDES THAT IF POINTS OF VIEW CAN BE BROUGHT TOGETHER ON U.S.M MILITARY AID TO TURKEY IN RETURN FOR RENEWAL OF U.S. BASE ACTIVITY, KISSINGER WILL GO TO ANKARA, RATHER THAN CAGLAYANGIL TO WASHINGTON.

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5. SOVIET-FRG. PRAVDA (FEB 11) CARRIES ANOTHER SMALL CONCILIATORY ITEM ON GERMANY, THIS TIME BY CORRESPONDENT V. MIKHAILOV FROM BONN. TAKING OFF FROM INVITATION TO VIEW LAUNCHING OF TRUCK TO BE USED ON BAM, MIKHAILOV WRITES THAT THIS SORT OF THING WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE SHORT TIME AGO, BUT "IS NOT THE ONLY EXAMPLE OF CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN SOVIET-FRG MUTUAL RELATIONS, WHICH CONTINUE DESPITE REACTION'S EFFORTS TO DISTORT THEM WITH THE VENOM OF MISTRUST." POINTING TO FRG EXPORT INCREASES CITED BY FEDERAL ECONMIN, MIKHAILOV CONCLUDES WITH SATISFACTION THAT THEY ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO FRG NOW THAT OTHER EXPORT MARKETS ARE SHRINKING.

6. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. FEBRUARY 11 PRAVDA CARRIES TASS ITEM FROM WARSAW QUOTING CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES CONCERNING

SOCIALIST CHARACTER OF STATE, ROLE OF PARTY (AND ALLIANCE WITH ZSL AND SD), AND FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES INTRODUCED IN SEJM FEBRUARY 10, WITHOUT COMMENTARY. IZVESTIYA FEBRUARY 10 NOTES SIGNATURE OF PATOLICHEV AND PATAN FEBRUARY 9 OF SOVIET-ROMANIAN AGREEMENT ON NATURAL GAS DELIVERIES TO ROMANIA THROUGH ORENBURG PIPELINE, ALSO WITHOUT GLOATING.

7. INDONESIA AND NEW PACIFIC DOCTRINE. FEBRUARY 11 PRAVDA FRONT-PAGES TASS REPORT FROM JAKARTA CITING MERDEKA AND INDONESIAN TIMES CRITICISM OF NEW PACIFIC DOCTRINE AS U.S. ATTEMPT TO MAINTAIN INFLUENCE, AND ESPECIALLY BASES, IN SEA. STOESSEL

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